--- Series of 1880-81 - TABAC CANADIEN / EN TORQUETTE - Sorel Division ---

--- lithographed in green ink - 238 x 20 mm - 4 mm. blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---

--- Inscribed NE DOIT PAS COUVRIR PLUS / **de 1/2 lb.** and as - *Ainci Roy* / ***Percepteur*** **---**

Chris Ryan reports that *Ainci Roy* was Collector at Sorel in 1881.

Chris Ryan also reports in the "Canadian Revenue Newsletter" of March 2003, that in anticipation of the Act of 1883 the Revenue Department, on January 13th 1883, instructed BABN not to print any new supplies of the soon to be supplanted 1880-81 strips, unless specially authorized to do so. On July 1st 1883 the Department declared that the 1/20th, 1/10th and 2 pound green strips were *obsolete*. Subsequently BABN overprinted their obsolete strips to new denominations.

The catalogue lists the 1/2 pound, green, TABAC CANADIEN Sorel Division strip as follows:

RT-37 - 1/2 pound, green, perforated 12, Sorel Division, on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls
RT-37a - 1/2 pound, green, perforated 12, Sorel Division, on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove - **WANTED!**
RT-38 - 1/2 pound, green, *coarse roulette*, Sorel Division, on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - **WANTED!**

Is **RT-37a** a strip that is on vertical mesh wove paper, but missing the sheet *block watermark*?

RT-37n - 1/2 pound, green, perforated 12, TABAC CANADIEN, Sorel Division, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

--- RT-37 - 1/2 pound - perforated 12 - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

RT-37 - 1/2 pound, green, perforated 12, TABAC CANADIEN, Sorel Division, control number **007207**,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove,
S. M. Return No. *14* - probably from January 1881

007207★	01/81	RT-37	1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, with S. M. No. *14*
087098		RT-37	1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

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The following imperforate strip is a remnant, probably from the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract**. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a separate catalogue number.

1/2 pound, green, *imperforate*, TABAC CANADIEN, Sorel Division, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

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